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Fiscal Year 2008 President's Budget for Mississippi Valley Division

VICKSBURG, Miss., Feb. 6, 2007 – The President's Budget for fiscal year 2008 has been released and includes \$813 million for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi Valley Division, Civil Works program, 17% of the total Corps' Civil Works budget (compared to 18% last year).

For the Mississippi Valley Division, the breakdown of the budget request is as follows:

General Investigations -- \$15.7 million (for studies, design, coordination, data collection and research and development);

Construction General -- \$54.5 million (for project construction and major rehabilitation, to include environmental features);

Operation and Maintenance, General -- \$409.9 million (for the running and upkeep of existing projects which include hydropower facilities, locks and dams, recreation areas, navigable waterways and environmental features); and

Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries -- \$260 million (for the study, design, construction, operation and maintenance for water resources projects in the historic flood plain of the Mississippi River from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Head of Passes, La.).

The Mississippi Valley Division is responsible for the Corps water resource programs in a 370,000-square-mile area that includes portions of 12 states; its boundary extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. District offices are headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Memphis, Tenn; Vicksburg, Miss.; and New Orleans, La.

The mission of the MVD and its six districts is to provide quality, responsive engineering service to the Army and the nation. The division oversees the planning, design, construction and operation of water resources and other Civil Works projects to provide a variety of benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, environmental stewardship, water supply, hydroelectric power and recreation.

The FY 2008 Civil Works budget information, including a state-by-state breakdown, is available at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwb/budget/budget.pdf>

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